



Mission Statement

*"Let all that you do be done in Love.
Love is made possible with respect."* St Charles Borromeo

At St Charles' we pray, love and learn together as one school family, with Christ at our centre. We create and experience joy every day in our home, our school and our parish.

Vision

Children will leave St. Charles':

- With a love for learning.
- With Christ in their hearts.
- With outstanding manners.
- Showing care and respect for all.
- Having achieved their best.
- With a sense of pride and confidence.
- With a deep sense of responsibility.
- With life-long skills to enhance their future.

Values:

Everyone at St. Charles' will be:

- Compassionate
- Aspirational
- Determined
- Enthusiastic
- Humble
- Friendly
- Trustworthy

Introduction

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform for PE lessons. Appendix 1 is a complete list of the items needed for school uniform, this list can also be found in our school prospectus.

Aims and objectives

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school,
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging,
- is practical and smart,
- identifies the children with the school,
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be),
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance,
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents and carers,
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds, we only allow children to wear small flat silver or gold ear studs no larger than 3mm in width, no other jewellery is allowed to be worn.

Members of Staff are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves and, although willing to look after earrings during a lesson, cannot be held responsible for any losses.

We would advise that if children are having their ears pierced that they do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.

Hairstyles

Hair styles should be well presented. The school strongly advises against patterned or extremely shaved hairstyles. Long hair should be tied back. Hair accessories should be in school colours: blue or white.

Footwear

The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We believe that it is dangerous for children to wear shoes with platform soles or high heels in school, so we do not allow this. Smart school footwear is encouraged and suitable sports footwear is required for PE lessons.

The role of parents and carers

We ask all parents and carers who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents and carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. Parents and carers should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, e.g. religious, health objections, why parents and carers want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with

disabilities, then the school will make reasonable adjustments. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

School uniform is designed to be easily accessible and good value for money. Second-hand uniform is available at the school office.

The role of governors

The governing body supports the headteacher in implementing the school uniform policy. It considers all representations from parents and carers regarding this policy and liaises with the headteacher to ensure that the policy is implemented fairly and with sensitivity.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Next Policy review: January 2025.

Appendix 1



ST CHARLES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is school policy that all pupils wear our school uniform.

White cotton shirt/blouse with collar
School Tie
Royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
Grey school trousers/shorts, grey pinafore dress/skirt
Sensible grey/black/white socks, grey tights
Sensible conservative black shoes

Blue and white checked gingham dresses in warm weather

Trainers are not an acceptable item of footwear on non-PE days

PE and Games kit is as follows

Plain White T shirt or T Shirt with school badge
Navy/black shorts/joggers/leggings/skorts
Black Plimsolls
Trainers – sensible sports trainers, not fashion trainers

No logos or brands should be on any item of school clothing.

Ties are available in school. School sweatshirts, cardigans, and PE shirts with the school badge embroidered on them can be ordered from the school office. Royal blue reading bags and PE bags are also available from school, these items are optional. Uniform can also be purchased from Pupils' Schoolwear in Swadlincote and on-line from www.myclothing.com.